DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF PORTO RICO
Office of the Commissioner
San Juan

Circular Letter No. 81.
March 26, 1915.

To Supervising Principals.

Gentlemen:--

I am enclosing herewith for your information a copy of the act approved by the Legislative Assembly amending the law governing life certificates (pp. (106), (107), School Laws, edition of 1914).

Please note that in computing the length of service no period of teaching prior to July 1, 1905, can be considered; also that the applicant must hold a valid license at present and that the experience of five years must have been in the same class, that is, five years as rural, as graded, (graded and English graded considered as one class) or as principal. Experience in any other class can not be counted and no exceptions can be made.

Please bring this to the attention of all the rural, graded and principal teachers of your district as soon as possible. On or before May 1, send to this office a list of all the teachers under your supervision who claim to be entitled to life certificates under the terms of this act, including those who will complete the term of service at the end of the present school year. Arrange the names in alphabetical order, by classes. It should

be borne in mind that in computing the length of service no period of teaching of less than eight full school months can be considered as a school year. Persons who hold valid licenses and who are not under contract as teachers should be notified to write directly to the Department in case they make any inquiries to you concerning life licenses.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) E. M. Bainter
Commissioner of Education

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Encl.

Enclosure to C. L. No. 81.

Section 1.-That Section 1 (P. 106, School Laws) Of "An Act to establish and regulate the granting of life certificates to the teachers o-f Porto Rico" approved March 12, 1914, of the School Law, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"(106) That any rural, graded or principal teacher holding a valid license who shall have practiced satisfactorily his profession as such for five years in the public schools of Porto Tico, shall receive from the Department of Education a life certificate of the corresponding grade. No period of teaching prior to July 1, 1905, shall be reckoned in computing the length of service".

Section 2.-That all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3.-That this Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

Approved, March 11, 1915.